

ducing microbes. As it is, I rather think the microbes have a little the best of it, perhaps a good deal the best, but I hope ere long through the work of research, aided and abetted by the lovers of humanity, that the microbe will suffer defeat, in fact be annihilated, or at least rendered harmless. And while I am on the matter of research work, let me pursue it a little farther. It is not our ignorance of the habits of the microbe that many diseases are prevalent; take for example the somewhat common disease of diabetes mellitus—how little is known concerning its origin, its prevention and successful treatment? And again, take the epileptic—there number is legion. There are being, very properly, sanatoriums established for their care and maintenance. We are well aware that the great majority of epileptics are epileptics to the end. These are simply examples to show what a great field there is for research work other than what the microbes give us. It would be well if many of our clever gold kings would study medicine, and pursue with their surplus wealth the great field of research. I think it would be better if they would use it for the establishment of schools for research work, wherein those who are known in our profession for their abilities may pursue the work. We are well aware that a school of this kind has been established in Washington by the king of the iron industries. While I am not jealous of our neighbors—I am indebted very much to them—I would like to see in this fair province of ours a school for research work in medicine that would be untrammelled, unfettered by the want of financial support. This is not unreasonable. It was through the air of Ontario that the telephone wire first came into use—not in one of our large centres, but from a county residence, Tutela Heights—to the now City of Brantford. I can recall how I was thrilled when listening in the first Brantford Office to music produced at the country residence of Prof. Bell.

Canadians have already done considerable research work. While it may be that research work can be carried on in our larger cities to greater advantage, it has been well shown that in preparing the student for research work many of the smaller schools do as efficient work, if not more so, than the larger ones. Personal supervision of the teacher is one of the greatest helps in preparation, and this, as a rule, is better carried out in the smaller schools. However, our larger schools, by increasing the staff, are giving recognition to the fact that individual attention is one of the greatest helps to student life. Many of the improvements and advances in our profession have not been due to the laboratories of our Universities, but have been thought out during the daily rounds, let me say, of the country physician. I ask you to recall Ephraim McDowell.

Not to be behind our smaller cities in Ontario, Toronto, everyone will be glad to know, is about to make a great effort to be up-to-date in